

# AGENDA SESSION MINUTES CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL

March 03, 2020

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## Call to Order

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Chairman Erskine Oglesby, Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present, including Council members Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell, and Ken Smith. Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support, were also present. Councilman Russell Gilbert arrived after the gavel came down. Councilwoman Carol Berz and Vice-Chairman Chip Henderson were not present.

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## Others in Attendance

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Mayor's Office: Anthony Sammons, Deputy Chief of Operations; Public Works: Donald Stone, Deputy Administrator, and Ed Odom, Recreation Specialist; Regional Planning Agency: John Bridger, Executive Director; Transportation: Blythe Bailey, Administrator; Economic and Community Development: Donna Williams, Administrator, and Dallas Rucker, Director of Development; Fire Department: Phil Hyman, Chief, and Pat Rollins, Director of Wireless Communications;

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## Approval of Minutes

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**On motion of Councilman Ledford** and seconded by Councilman Smith, the minutes of the last meeting (February 25, 2020) were approved as published.

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## Ordinances - Agenda Item 6A

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Councilman Smith asked the City Attorney to ensure that this ordinance went into effect immediately, not two weeks after passage, as was previously advertised. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## Resolutions - Agenda Item 7A

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Ms. Williams and Mr. Odom answered questions from Councilman Smith regarding the building to be used by the Conservancy, the length of time given to vacate, the agreement after development of the new center, and the public notice for the development. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## Resolutions - Agenda Items 7B-7C

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There were no questions regarding these resolutions. Therefore, the issues were closed.

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**Resolutions - Agenda Item 7D**

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Mr. Rucker answered questions from the Council regarding the following:

- Next steps if resolution is approved or denied; surrounding properties (Councilman Byrd);
- Informing Applicant of the need to attend Council meeting; Applicant's departure from the approved plans; work already done on site; potential change to Certificate of Occupancy (Councilman Smith);
- Applicant speaking at the Council meeting (Councilman Mitchell)

Attorney Noblett explained Council procedures for the Form-Based Code Appeals process before the Council. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Resolutions - Agenda Item 7E**

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Councilman Gilbert asked if this resolution would apply to baseball and football fields in the city, or only to city parks, to which Mr. Sammons replied. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Resolutions - Agenda Item 7F**

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Councilman Mitchell asked Chief Hyman how long the new communications equipment was expected to last, and the Chief yielded to Mr. Rollins for the response. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Resolutions - Agenda Items 7G-7H**

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There were no questions regarding these resolutions. Therefore, the issues were closed.

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**Resolutions - Agenda Item 7I**

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Councilman Smith explained why the Council meeting would take place today at 4:00 p.m. He also informed the Council that he would offer an amendment to change the language of this resolution to include an acceptance of donations. Upon no further comments, the issue was closed.

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**Resolutions - Agenda Items 7J-7L**

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There were no questions regarding these resolutions. Therefore, the issues were closed.

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**Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Chairman Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.